

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
1416 Ninth Street
P.O. Box 942896; Sacramento, CA 94296

PROJECT TITLE: Yosemite Short Line Boxcar Cover

LOCATION: Railtown 1897 State Historic Park
Jamestown, California 95327

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Construct a temporary shed-style roof over the Yosemite Short Line Boxcar, a historic wooden boxcar located within the park. The purpose of the roof is to cover and protect the historic relic from further damage and deterioration caused by the elements of weather. Work includes installing eight vertical wooden posts set 24 inches deep in concrete footings; building a new wood-framed roof structure measuring 336 square feet in size and supported on vertical posts; and covering the framing with corrugated steel sheeting to form a roof consistent with the architectural style of the adjacent historic buildings. The new structure will be painted with a neutral-color paint that will blend with the adjacent buildings, but will be different enough to distinguish the structure as a modern improvement to avoid presenting false history. A State Park Archaeologist will monitor the excavation work associated with the project.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Capital District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 31, Section: 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The project consists of constructing a small accessory structure for the purpose of stabilizing an existing historic resource. The work will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer, and is included as "activities affecting historic resources, consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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